

Assembly Bill No. 140

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Chief Clerk of the Assembly

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Secretary of the Senate

This bill was received by the Governor this _____ day
of _____, 2007, at _____ o'clock ____M.

Private Secretary of the Governor

CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 15.1 of Chapter 1069 of the Statutes of 1961, relating to the Desert Water Agency.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 140, Garcia. Desert Water Agency.

Existing law authorizes the Desert Water Agency to construct, operate, and maintain works to develop hydroelectric energy for use by the agency to construct, operate, and maintain its projects for the control, conservation, diversion, and transmission of water. Existing law authorizes the agency to enter into contracts for the sale of that energy for a term not to exceed 50 years.

This bill would instead authorize the Desert Water Agency to construct, operate, and maintain facilities for the generation of electricity that are hydroelectric or specified eligible renewable energy resources for the control, conservation, diversion, and transmission of water, as well as for the construction, treatment, and disposal of sewage. The agency would be authorized to enter into contracts for the sale of electricity generated by the agency for a term not to exceed that 50-year period.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15.1 of the Desert Water Agency Law (Chapter 1069 of the Statutes of 1961) is amended to read:

SEC. 15.1. The agency shall have the power to construct, operate, and maintain facilities for the generation of electricity that are hydroelectric or eligible renewable energy resources as defined in Section 399.12 of the Public Utilities Code, for use by the agency in the operation of its works or as a means of assisting in financing the construction, operation, and maintenance of its projects for the control, conservation, diversion, and transmission of water, or for the construction, treatment, and disposal of sewage, and to enter into contracts for the sale of electricity generated by the agency for a term not to exceed 50 years. The electricity may be marketed only at wholesale to any public agency or private entity, or both, or the federal or state government. For the purposes

of this section, “disposal of sewage” includes the sale or resale of treated effluent for any purposes.

Approved _____, 2007

Governor